

Lewis Sowter House  
(Buda House)  
142 Canal Street  
Canastota  
Madison County  
New York

HABS No. NY-6262

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE New York	COUNTY Madison	TOWN OR VICINITY 1- Town of Lenox Village of Canastota
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Lewis Sowter House, (Original recorded owner. Source: Madison County Clerk Office Wampsville, NY 13163).		HABS N NY-6262
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Buda House		Page 1
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 142 Canal Street, Canastota, NY 13135		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Assumed to be 2nd quarter of 19th Century Circa 1865. Source; Msd. Co., Wampsville, NY	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A rare surviving example of a Greek Revival style canal house retaining features that def its architectural integrity in its raked cornice, pedimented roof and window surrounds. Th building is also historically significant because it fronts the Erie Canal and reflects its importance to the development of Canastota in the nineteenth century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Light member wood framing.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACC Rectangular; 2 stories plus attic and basement; original building 23' x 40', with rear addition of 18' x 30'. See attached floor plans.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Wood clapboard siding. Raked cornice. Redimented roof, First floor street elevation substantially altered.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior walls primarily wood lath and plaster on light framing with a few plank walls. Floors are softwood boards, ranging from 6" to 8" widths. Trim is of nominal boards with little adornment or moldings. All surfaces painted, papered or otherwise covered several times and are generally deteriorated.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Substantial varieties of trim and finish indicate numerous alterations over many years. Rear addition appears to date from slightly later than the main portion and exhibits same details and condition, both inside and out, although exterior is not as detailed as the street facade.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Overall condition is substantially deteriorated with addition exhibiting serious structural problems not found in the main portion.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building was used for a variety of canal related commercial and residential purposes and has been vacant since 1975 due to its physical condition.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC National Park Service, E011593, Determination of Eligibility Notification, National Register of Historic Places: Sanborn Maps, 1880, 1906, 1911; Building-Structure Inventory Form, New York State Division for Historic Preservation, February, 1, 1975; Crawford & Stearns correspondence, February 28, 1983 and April 22, 1983.		
COMPILER AFFILIATION Charles Rock Canastota Canal Town Corporation, 122 Canal Street, Canastota, NY 13032		DATE Aug. 1, 1984

